

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2003-273-E - ORDER NO. 2006-17

JANUARY 19, 2006

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| IN RE: Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc., |) | ORDER GRANTING |
| |) | MOTION TO FILE |
| Complainant, |) | TESTIMONY OUT OF |
| |) | TIME AND GRANTING |
| vs. |) | MOTION FOR |
| |) | CONTINUANCE OF |
| South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, |) | DEADLINES FOR |
| |) | PREFILING |
| Respondent. |) | TESTIMONY AND |
| |) | RESCHEDULING |
| <hr style="width:40%; margin-left:0;"/> |) | HEARING |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Motion of Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Aiken Electric") for permission to file testimony of one witness out of time and on the Motion of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") for an extension of the deadlines for prefiling testimony and for a rescheduled hearing date in the present proceeding regarding a complaint of Aiken Electric against SCE&G.

By Order No. 2005-607, issued October 19, 2005, the following deadlines were established. Aiken Electric was required to file direct testimony and exhibits on or before December 12, 2005, and the direct testimony of SCE&G and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") was to be filed on or before January 9, 2006. The rebuttal testimony of Aiken Electric was to be filed on or before January 23, 2006, and surrebuttal testimony of

SCE&G and the ORS was to be filed on or before January 30, 2006. The hearing in this docket is currently scheduled for February 8-9, 2006.

By Motion filed December 12, 2005, Aiken Electric, with the consent of SCE&G, requests to file the prefiled testimony of one witness, Ronald Calcaterra, after the December 12, 2005 deadline. According to Aiken Electric, Mr. Calcaterra is Chief Executive Officer of Central Electric Power Cooperative, and he has been involved in important negotiation regarding wholesale power supplies and as a result, receiving Mr. Calcaterra's edits and final permission to file his testimony is taking longer than the time counsel allowed for preparation of the testimony. Aiken Electric further states that Mr. Calcaterra's testimony should be filed with the Commission no later than December 15, 2005.¹

By Motion filed January 5, 2006, SCE&G, with the consent of Aiken Electric and ORS, seeks to extend the deadlines for prefiling testimony and to reschedule the hearing. Specifically, SCE&G requests that the deadline for all parties other than Aiken Electric² to file direct testimony and exhibits be extended to January 30, 2006. Further, Aiken Electric's rebuttal testimony would be due February 13, 2006, and all other parties' surrebuttal testimony would be due February 20, 2006. SCE&G, with the consent of Aiken Electric and ORS, also requests that the Commission establish a deadline of February 27, 2006, for all pretrial motions and supporting memoranda, with responses to such pretrial motions filed by March 10, 2006. SCE&G further requests, with the consent of all parties, that the Commission hold a hearing on any pretrial motions on

¹ The prefiled testimony of Ronald Calcaterra was filed with the Commission December 15, 2005.

² Aiken Electric has already prefiled its direct testimony.

March 15, 2006, or as soon thereafter as possible. The parties request that approximately three hours be permitted for oral argument on pretrial motions. Additionally, SCE&G, with the consent of Aiken Electric and ORS, requests a day and one half be scheduled for the hearing in this matter and that the hearing on this matter be scheduled for dates on and after May 3, 2006.

Counsel for SCE&G advise that they have consulted with counsel for Aiken Electric and with counsel for ORS and that Aiken Electric and ORS have no objections to the proposed extension of the deadlines.

We find that the requests of Aiken Electric and SCE&G will not unduly prejudice any party. We further find the request of Aiken Electric reasonable, and therefore grant the request to file the testimony of Ronald Calcaterra out of time. We also find the request of SCE&G to extend the prefiling deadlines, to establish a deadline for pretrial motions and responses, to hold a hearing on any pretrial motions, and to reschedule the hearing in this matter reasonable, and therefore grant the request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s request to file the testimony of Ronald Calcaterra out of time is granted.
2. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's request for an extension of the deadlines for prefiling testimony and exhibits and to reschedule the hearing in this matter is granted.
3. All other parties shall prefile direct testimony and exhibits on or before January 30, 2006.

4. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall file rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before February 13, 2006.

5. All other parties shall file surrebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before February 20, 2006.

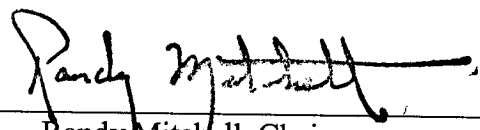
6. Pretrial motions, if any, along with supporting memoranda shall be filed on or before February 27, 2006, with responses to any such motions due on or before March 10, 2006.

6. A hearing on pretrial motions, if any, shall be held on March 15, 2006 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

7. The hearing in this matter shall be rescheduled for a date to be determined by the Commission Staff.


8. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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